

OPINION 1908

Hemidactylus garnotii Duméril & Bibron, 1836 (Reptilia, Squamata): specific name conserved

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *peruvianus* Wiegmann, 1835, as published in the binomen *Hemidactylus peruvianus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *garnotii* Duméril & Bibron, 1836, as published in the binomen *Hemidactylus garnotii*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *peruvianus* Wiegmann, 1835, as published in the binomen *Hemidactylus peruvianus* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2960

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Hemidactylus garnotii* Duméril & Bibron, 1836 was received from Prof Hobart M. Smith (*University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.*), Prof Arnold G. Kluge (*Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.*), Prof Aaron M. Bauer (*Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.*) and Prof David Chiszar (*University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.*) on 12 January 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 53: 184–186 (September 1996). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support from Dr Hidetoshio Ota (*University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan*) and from Dr Peter Paul van Dijk (*University College Galway, Galway, Ireland* and *Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand*) were published in BZN 54: 51–52 (March 1997) and in 54: 116 (June 1997) respectively.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 53: 185. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1998 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Schuster.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- garnotii*, *Hemidactylus*, Duméril & Bibron, 1836, *Erpétologie générale ou histoire naturelle complète des reptiles*, vol. 3, p. 368.
- peruvianus*, *Hemidactylus*, Wiegmann, 1835, *Verhandlungen der Kaiserlichen Leopoldinisch-Carolinischen Akademie de Naturforscher*, 17(1): 240.